

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH) occurs when a baby's diaphragm fails to fully form allowing abdominal organs into the chest cavity and preventing lung growth; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, it is estimated that over 700,000 babies globally have been born with CDH, however, only 50 percent of those babies survived; and

WHEREAS, CDH is as common as Spina Bifida and Cystic Fibrosis, however, very few people know about it or are aware of it; and

WHEREAS, 1,600 babies are born with CDH every year in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, although there are many people living in Vermont who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH, there are still many families in Vermont who have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones with CDH; and

WHEREAS, those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complications beyond their diagnosis that include heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, developmental delays, and may require respiratory and medicinal support for years; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of this congenital defect will help bring about acceptance and support for those suffering with CDH and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances.

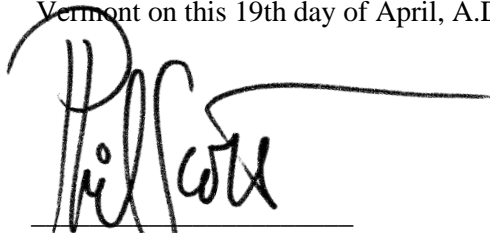
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 19, 2021 as

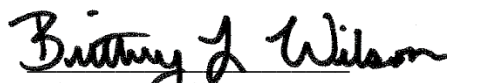
CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 19th day of April, A.D. 2021.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs